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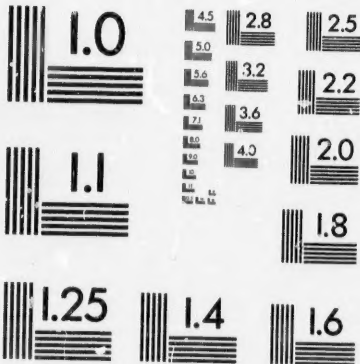
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A NEW CHURCH.

¶ *The Bishop, having been received at the Church by the Minister and Churchwardens, or other proper parties attendant on the Occasion, is conducted to the Vestry, and having put on his Episcopal Robes, proceeds to the Porch or Principal Entrance. A Petition from the Chief promoters of the works and Inhabitants of the District, is then tendered to the Bishop, praying him to Consecrate the new Church, which the Bishop receives, and orders the Registrar to read. The same having been read, the Bishop declares that he is ready to Consecrate the Church, according to the Prayer of the Petition; and he then proceeds to the Consecration and Dedication of the Church, walking in Procession down the Middle Aisle to the Communion Table, attended by the Commissary, the Registrar of the Diocese, and the Clergy habited in their Surplices; the Bishop and Clergy alternately repeating the Twenty-fourth Psalm—*

PSALM XXIV.

BISHOP.—1. The Earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the Compass of the World, and they that dwell therein.

CLERGY.—2. For he hath founded it upon the Seas: and prepared it upon the Floods.

BISHOP.—3. Who shall ascend into the Hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his Holy Place?

CLERGY.—4. Even he that hath clean Hands, and a pure Heart : and that hath not lift up his Mind unto Vanity, nor sworn to deceive his Neighbour.

BISHOP.—5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and Righteousness from the God of his Salvation.

CLERGY.—6. This is the Generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

BISHOP.—7. Lift up your Heads O ye Gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting Doors : and the King of Glory shall come in.

CLERGY.—8. Who is the King of Glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in Battle.

BISHOP.—9. Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting Doors : and the King of Glory shall come in.

CLERGY.—8. Who is the King of Glory : even the Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without End. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop being seated at the Communion Table, the Commissary presents to him the Deeds of Conveyance and Endowment, which the Bishop places on the Table, and then, standing on the North Side of the Table, turns himself to the Congregation and says :*

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Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy Men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by secret Inspiration of the Blessed Spirit, or by express Command of God, or by their own Reason and Sense of the natural Decency of Things, have erected Houses for the Public Worship of God, and separated them from all profane and common Uses, in order to fill men's Minds with greater Reverence for His glorious Majesty, and affect their Hearts with more Devotion and Humility in His Service; which pious Works have been approved and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father; let us not doubt but He will also graciously approve this our godly Purpose of setting apart this Place in a solemn Manner, to the Performance of the several Offices of Religious Worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his Blessing on this our Undertaking, and say,—

¶ *Then the Bishop offers the following Prayer, all kneeling:*

O Eternal God, mighty in Power, and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, much less the Walls of Temples made with Hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy especial presence in whatever place even two or three of Thy faithful Servants shall assemble in Thy Name to offer their Supplications and their Praises to thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this Place, with all Humility and Readiness of Heart, to the Honor of Thy Great Name, separating it

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from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common Uses, dedicating it entirely to Thy Service, for reading therein Thy most Holy Word, for celebrating Thy Holy Sacraments, for offering to Thy Glorious Majesty the Sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving, for blessing Thy People in Thy Name. Accept, O Lord, this Service, and bless it with such Success as may tend most to thy Glory, and the Furtherance of our Happiness both Temporal and Spiritual, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Bishop standing up, turns towards the People, and says the following Prayer :*

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Thy Servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated unto Thee in this House by Baptism, may be sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit, delivered from Thy Wrath, received into the Ark of Christ's Church, and ever remain among the number of Thy faithful and elect Children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this Place, shall in their own persons, undertake to renew their Promises and Vows made by their Sureties for them at their Baptism, may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in Grace to their Lives' end. *Amen*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this Place the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Thy Son, may come to that Holy Ordinance with Faith, Charity, and true Repentance, and, being filled with Thy Grace and Heavenly Benediction, may, to their great and

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Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined
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rimony, may faithfully perform and keep the Vow
and Covenant betwixt them made, and may re-
main in perfect Love together unto their Lives'
end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy Holy Word, which
shall be read and preached within this Place, the
Hearers thereof may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do, and may have Grace
and Power to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, blessed Lord, that
whosoever shall draw near unto Thee in this Place,
to give Thee Thanks for the great Benefits they
have received at Thy Hands, to set forth Thy most
worthy Praise, to confess their Sins unto Thee,
humbly to beg Thy Pardon for what they have
done amiss, or to ask such other things as are
requisite and necessary as well for the Body as
the Soul; may do it with that Steadfastness of
Faith, that Seriousness of Attention, and devout
Affection of the Mind, that Thou mayest accept
their bounden Duty and Service, and vouch-safe
to them whatsoever else in Thy infinite Wisdom
Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them; and
this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake, our blessed
Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *After which, the Bishop being seated, the
Commissary reads the Sentence of Consecration. The Bishop signs and promulges
the same, and directs it, together with the
Petition and Deeds to be registered.*

¶ *Then follows the usual Service at Morning Prayer.*

PROPER PSALMS.—84th, 122nd, and 132nd.

PROPER LESSONS.

THE FIRST.—1 Kings viii. Ver. 22 to 62.—*Te Deum.*

THE SECOND.—Hebrews x. Ver. 19 to 25.—*Jubilate.*

¶ *After the Collect for the Day, the Minister who reads the Service, stops till the Bishop hath offered the following Prayer :*

O most blessed Saviour, who, by thy gracious Presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour such religious Services as this which we are now performing unto Thee, be present at this time with us by Thy Holy Spirit, and because Holiness becometh Thine House for ever, Sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living Temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our Hearts by Faith, and possess our Souls by Thy Grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us, but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt Affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good Works, who art our Saviour, Lord and God blessed for evermore. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister goes on with the Morning Service to the end of the General Thanksgiving ; after which the Bishop says the following Prayer :*

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pleased Thee by Thy good Spirit' to put it into the heart of Thy Servants, to erect this House to Thy Honour and Worship. Bless, O Lord, Them, their Families, and Substance, and accept the Work of their Hands. Remember them concerning this. Wipe not out this Kindness that they have showed for the House of their God and the offices thereof; and grant that all who shall enjoy the Benefit of this pious Work, may show forth their Thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, who officiates, concludes the Morning Service.*

VENI CREATOR.

Come, Holy Ghost, Eternal God,
Proceeding from above,
Both from the Father and the Son,
The God of peace and love:

Visit our minds, and into us
Thy heav'nly grace inspire;
That truth and godliness we may
Pursue with full desire.

O Holy Ghost, into our souls
Send down thy heav'nly light;
Inflame our hearts with fervent love
To serve God day and night.

Of strife and all dissention, Lord,
Do thou dissolve the bands,
And knit the cords of peace and love
Throughout all Christian lands.

To God the Father laud and praise,
And to His blessed Son,
And to the Holy Spirit of grace,
Co-equal three in one.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *The Bishop, standing on the North Side of the Communion Table, as before, reads the Communion Service. After the Collect for the Queen, the following Prayer is used :*

O most glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any Thing belonging unto us. Yet we beseech Thee in Thy great goodness graciously to accept the Dedication of this Place to Thy Service, and to prosper this our Undertaking; receive the Prayers and Intercession of us and all others Thy Servants who either now or hereafter entering into this House shall call upon Thee, and give both them and us Grace to prepare our Hearts to serve Thee with Reverence and Godly Fear. Affect us with an awful Apprehension of Thy Divine Majesty and a deep Sense of our Unworthiness, that so approaching Thy Sanctuary with lowliness and Devotion, and coming before Thee with clean Thoughts and pure Hearts, with Bodies undefiled and Minds sanctified, we may always perform a Service acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

THE EPISTLE—2. Cor. vi. Ver. 14 to 18.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath

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THE GOSPEL.—St. John ii. Ver. 13 to 17.

And the Jews' Passover was at hand: and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the Temple those that sold Oxen and Sheep, and Doves, and the Changers of Money, sitting; and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, and the Sheep and the Oxen; and poured out the Changers' Money, and overthrew the Tables; and said unto them that sold Doves, take these things hence; make not my Father's House an House of Merchandise. And his Disciples remembered that it was written, the Zeal of thine House hath eaten me up.

¶ *After the Nicene Creed, the 100th Psalm is sung.*

PSALM C.

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
 Approach with joy his Courts unto;
 Praise, laud and bless his Name always,
 For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
 His mercy is forever sure;
 His truth at all times firmly stood,
 And shall from age to age endure.

THE SERMON.

¶ *After the Sermon, during the reading of the Offertory Sentences, the Deacons, Church Wardens and other fit persons shall collect the offerings of the Congregation. At the close of the Prayer for the Church Militant there shall be a pause to allow all those who do not receive the Holy Communion to retire. After the Communion and immediately before the final blessing the Bishop shall say the following Prayer:*

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth Thee to have Thy Habitation among the Sons of Men upon Earth, and to dwell in the midst of the Assembly of the Saints upon Earth: bless, we beseech Thee, the Religious Performance of this day, and grant that in this Place now set apart to Thy Service, Thy Holy Name may be worshipped in Truth and Purity to all Generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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